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Previous references.

File No. 2488

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 – 13

Part B for November 1920.

SUBJECT.

Gallery accident in the Mysore City during the Birthday Festivities in May 20.

To,

The Hon. President, Mysore City Municipal Council
No. 676/CB 298-19-13 dated 12.11.20.

Observes that there was in all probability a gross negligence in putting up the structure by the Municipal authorities

WD 2283—GPB—20,000—14-6-20

(For Disposal at a Meeting)

No. C. 157

.....19.20. 21

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

(Clause xii of the Schedule.)

Draft order in connection with the Gallery accident in Mysore City during the Birthday Festivities.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C S Balasundaram

31st August ...19..20.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Extraordinary Member of Council.

First Member of Council. (Vide Dewan's note)

1440-25
1-9-20

Second Member of Council. Opinion recorded.
Rao
3.9.20.

Third Member of Council. Seen.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Police)

NOTES.

File No. 176-19

FILE HEADING.

Gallery accident in Mysore city during the Birthday festivities in May 1920.

From

The President, City Municipal Council, Mysore City.

No. 151 Dated 29.5.1920 Received 30.5.1920

Diary No.	Enclos. and Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Reports that a portion of the gallery in front of the Rangachari Memorial Hall on the procession road suddenly collapsed on the evening of 28th May 1920 at about 5-10 P.M causing injuries to 49 persons.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

NOTES—First Sheet.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Police File No. 171 of 1919

Serial No.	
	Report of the municipal Meeting about the gallery accident, submitted for favour of perusal.
	III Member D. M. 30/5.
	Dewan
2	Letter No: C. 1923/19-20 dt 29th May 192- from the Dept. Canr., Mysore Circle, reporting the gallery accident that took place before the post office on the 28th May 1920.
	2) The A. C. reports that the accident was due to the faulty construction of the gallery, that the uprights had not been firmly fixed in the ground, that the planks had been insecurely fastened to their resting places.
	3) The Boy scouts are reported to have done good work on the occasion. A list of the injured persons has also been received from the A. C.
	4) Submitted for perusal D. M. 30/5
6759/30/5/20	III Member
	Dewan - 5) A communique may be prepared and published for general information.
NOTE—Contn. sheet.	6) As the cause of the accident, there is a difference of opinion — PTO Feb 30/8/20

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Police 176—19

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Continuation sheet draft form.)

between the President of the Municipal Council Negombo & the District Magistrate — the former says that at the Gallery adjacent hereto near the upright post was bridge leading the road. He states that the upright was not properly fixed — In the Communique Hemapala the cause of the accident should be stated. I do not think that further enquiry upon this matter is necessary only

Kelly
30/5

useful purpose.

A draft Communique is

put up for approval.

3rd member
Dewan

CBS
30/5/20

A revised draft is put up

Kelly
31/5/20

Dewan

CBS
31/5

I am very sorry. Responsibility as far as it can be ascertained by enquiry should be fixed on someone: we can't merely say an accident happens & leave it at that. Enquiry to find out causes is very necessary. It does not matter if one is to blame if the cause of the accident is known in the communique.

Wee
31.5.20

GPB—12,000—15-2-13.

✓ Mail

✓ " Mail & Mail

✓ " " Times

✓ " Hindu

✓ ~~Hindu~~ " Daily Post

✓ " Karnataka

✓ " Kesari Patrika

✓ " Vishwavani Patrika

✓ " Vaishakalika ~~Patrika~~ "

/ " United India & Native States

" ~~Times of India~~

✓ " Times

Issued with D. 31/5
late letter for in all cases except the 2 local papers

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S BIRTHDAY.

ENGAGEMENTS.

31st May 1920.

SOCIAL—

4-30 P.M.—Dewan "AT HOME"—
"Lake View."

C. E. RAMA RAU,
Special Duty Officer.

INDIAN GUESTS' QUARTERS,
MYSORE.

GBPM—200—30-5-1920.

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE DEWAN · MYSORE ·

LAKE VIEW,
YELWAL ROAD,
MYSORE.
31st May 1920.

My dear Sir,

I return herewith the file re issue of a Press Communique about the accident to the spectators seated on the gallery on the Procession day, with the Dewan's orders.

The Dewan desires that copies of the Communique may be kindly sent to all the important papers ~~xxxxx~~ by today's Mail.

Yours sincerely,

C Ramagannatha Rao
Sahib

C.S Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.

G. R. S. III-2)

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | File No. . of 191 .

Serial No.	
Recd 11.15 AM	7) I have 100 to copies typed. 8) Please send them at once to the train to be posted with as late letters as for each by to-day's Mail (vide relevant orders)
Issued 6 10/ papers. vide list attached	3 Issues as Press communique regarding the accident to be published in certain Newspapers

D. M. 31/5

NOTE—Contn sheet.

D. M. 31/5.

G. R. S. III-2)

General and Revenue Secretariat. | Police File No. 176 of 1919.

Serial No.

9) Subl for orders as regards the further action to be taken in the matter.

D. M. 1/6

Chief sec.

6297 1.6.20

3rd member

CSS 1/6/20

10) Duties enjoined in accordance with the rules noted by the Chief Secretary will have to be carried out by the Local Board's branch. A Committee will have to be appointed I think to enquire into the causes of the Municipal President + the District Magistrate dies apart as to the causes of the accident.

D. M. 1/6

11) Rec'd very little explanation. 2/6

CSS 2/6/20

12) In favour of instructions as to the Orders to be issued. Perhaps the Dist Court, the MC President & the Deputy Supt of the Mysore Circle may be appointed to jointly enquire into the cause of the accident, by personal inspection and examination of the persons

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

WD 1233—GPB—60,000—1-12-16—S.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Police File No. 176 of 1919.

Serial No.

Connected with the work, or having a knowledge of the accident. The Ag President may be Chairman of the Committee. It is true the said Offr and the Dy Cmt have both already expressed their opinion, but they may not thereby be precluded from holding a formal inquiry and reporting the opinion of the Committee. It is difficult to think of any other Officers to hold the inquiry.

Dewan). hm 2.6.20

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on JUN 18 1920
Regn. No. 7970

Cl. 4.6.20
Justice. 16 Jun
Present & Dy Cmt both to be asked to depute what inquiries they have held & how they arrived at the opinion they have formed &c
hm 4.6.20
6867
5.6.20

13) A draft in accordance with the instructions given in Council yesterday is put up.

hm 5.6.20

3rd member & Dewan)

16) Copies hm 5/6

15) Reg Secy 7.6.20

~~Issue~~ ~~Advance~~

16) This may continue to be dealt with in the Police Section, if there is no objection. The draft has to issue allowance. hm 8/6/20

Issue allowance

17) Issue allowance hm 8/6 Chf Secy D'Mr's (with Compts).

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. .. Police File No. 176 of 1919.

Serial No.	
4	For) D.C. Mysore Dist 2) President, Municipal Council Mysore D.O. No. G27184-5d/9.6.1920 Enquires whether a formal enquiry re the accident was held, if not to send him a report in detail stating the reasons for the opinion expressed as to the cause of the accident and calls for information on certain points from the latter officer
5	From the D.M. Mysore Dist No. Dy Dis 617/G19-20d/4.6.1919 States that the A.S.P. Mysore City reports that no cases have resulted fatally from the accident & that no inquest was held.

(8) Subd for perusal.

SGR

9/6.

Chief Secy

III Member

7060/14.6.20

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

D.W. 11/6

14/6

14/6

D.W. 12/6

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General and Revenue Secretariat. Pol & Sec File No. 176 of 1919

Serial No.	
	19) May perhaps be submitted to the Dewan also. D.M. 14/6
	Chief Secy. Dewan. 15/6.
	20) Where is the letter recently received from Mr Bowring? Please make up arrears and submit. D.M. 17/6
	21) Resubmitted with the letter in question. Please see next page SGR 17/6 17/6

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

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-3. R. S. III-21

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Police File No. 176 of 1919

Serial No.

6 From the School Master
Nagenahalli, Mysore Taluk
Petn without date.

Brings to notice the gallery accident that occurred near the North Fort gate on the occasion of the procession of H.H. the Maharaja & prays that the authorities responsible may be punished & the persons injured be suitably compensated

W) This petition being anonymous no action requires to be taken. Besides This will be placed in the file. Detailed reports as to the cause of the accident have been called from both the President, Mysore City Municipal Commission & the D.M. Mysore Dist.

7 From P. J. Browning Esq.
Deputy Commr, Mysore Dist.
D.O. No. 694/Judl. 19-20d/10.6.1920

States that he had not held any formal enquiry as to the cause of the accident, that he inspected the scene early next morning with the S.P. of Police, that from personal observation he found that the upright posts had not been sufficiently embedded in the ground & that the sitting planks were all loose, that when the crush pressed in that direction

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Police File No. 176 of 1919.

Serial No.	
	he observed that the Staging had been removed probably by the Municipal authorities & that therefore they may be called upon for an explanation.
8	From Srikanteswara Iyer Esqr President, City Municipal Commission, Mysore City D.O. No. 158 d/ 16.6.1920 -Forwards letter in original received from the Chief officer, Mysore City Municipality, regarding the accident and states that he inspected the gallery on the 17th, walked over it testing its stability & found it in order.
	Subd.
	~~SBR~~ 23) 1716 Reports have since been received from the Dist: Magistrate & the Municipal Presidents, and the conclusions arrived at seem to be as conflicting as before.
	24) no records relating to the enquiry have been received from the M.C: Director

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as requested in the D.O. of 9th June. No clear of the statements of the Post Masters, the Postal Supdt & others have been recorded. If agd, the D.C. Majisterial will be requested to send the record of the enquiry said to have been held by the police.

Subd for orders
D.M.
1/16

Chief Secy

25) I do not think there is any need to examine the postmaster &c.

26) It would have been well if the full plan elevation & cross section of the gallery had been furnished.

27) From the sketch furnished it seems to be clear that there was very little strength in the structure to resist a sideways thrust when two of the "principals" (as they are called) broke in the middle. The standards were sunk only 1 foot into the ground & the probability are that an excavation of that depth – in the hurried manner in which the work was done – could not have been well rammed in & would not have afforded sufficient strength to the standards to resist the lateral pressure

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

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& moment due to the weight of several hundred people acting at a point about 4 or 5 feet above the ground.

28) No wonder that the whole structure 'acted like a hinge' & collapsed like a house of cards.

29) The full plans of the gallery may perhaps be called for & the expert opinion of the Chief Engineer taken as to the design & strength of the structure.

3rd member
Dewan.

8/6
18/6
D.M.
1876

30) The President says in his letter that the Police and Engineering authorities came to the conclusion that the collapse of the gallery was purely accidental. These words may be called for. They did not the P.W.D. give a report about the accident also?

10/6.

31) Write D.O. to P.W.D. to send up the words if any

4/6
9/6.

32) Draft phrases

Draft of a D.O. is subd. D.M. 19/6

W.S. 21/6

21/6

34) Issue to-day
D.M. 22/6

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Pol. File No. 176 of 1919

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22/8/25

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Serial No.	
9	To Dw. A. Subrahmanya Iyer D. S. of Police D. O. No. 9 28016 dt 23-6-1920 Requests him to forward the record of Police enquiry which is said been held on the collapse of the pallam and enquires why a report about the accident was not sent up to Govt.
	31) Subd for advn. if the file has to be sent to Dewan; please see last page; Adv 25/6
Brought from the Asst Secy's room.	10 From the Samee. No. C 3584 dt/ 24/25 - 6 - 1920 Explains the circumstances under which a report was not sent up by him in the matter.
	36) The 'Standards' were said to have been sunk to a depth of one foot by the Chief Officer of the City Municipality, while in the above communication the D.G of Police says that they could not have been buried deeper than 6 inches.
	37) Subd with reference to para 3 SBB 26/6 Adv 26/6 III Member Dw. 28/6

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | P. C. C. File No. 171 of 1917. 2349

Serial No.

38) Indistinct Magistrate ought to send the records for which enquiry in which the case I.G.P. himself would have called for the records instead of asking him for which to do.

39) Draft please

Draft submitted

Please send to-day

40) To the District Magistrate Mysore District

No 9 1076 dt 15-7-1920

Calls for the records of the Police enquiry into the case for the perusal of Govt.

41) Send with a draft reminder.

42) Send a reminder on 30-7-20 if no reply received meantime

43) Send with a draft reminder.

2.8.20.

44) Please

Rem no 9 2940 dt 5-8-1920

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Police File No. 176 of 1919.

Serial No.

12 From the Dist Magte
Dr. Dis 64/320-21 d/ 5-8-1920
States that no detailed
enquiry was held by the Police
in the matter & that if there
had been a fatal casualty
the Police would have held
an inquest & enquired formally
into the cause of the accident.
Subd for favour of perusal
with reference to paras 30 & 38.

9/8

Subd for orders
P. M.
9/8

10/6
9-8-20

III Member

13 I think Govt must further ask him may
be dropped. But if an enquiry is to
held then a Commission may be appointed
Commissioner & two Commissioners; the Resident
Mysore Municipality & the Dy Commr
Mysore District. The Commissioners
may be empowered to examine
witnesses. The report be submitted
within a month

Kln.
10/8

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

PR File No. 176 2083 of 1919

Serial No.

47) May perhaps be submitted to the Dewan.

Chargeé

D. M. 11/8

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on AUG 12 1920
Reg. No. 981

Dewan)

48) Think forthcoming may be dropped — but GO issued recording the fact with — therein that there was prima facie evidence — & probable cause that life lay in the building up of the structure — by the Rel authorities.

esy 11/8

D. M. 11/8

49) Please submit a Compliment

Answer

esy 11/8

50) Mr Supdt asks Please send him a draft

D. M. 11/8

51) Subd with a draft GO. The details of the accident have already been given in the Press Communique issued on 31.5.20.

Ans 18/8

M.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

PSR File No. 176 of 1919.

Serial No.

(52) Draft receiving sub-
Collr's letter D. No. 1878

3rd number
2nd number } Ag 21/8

(53) I think that if we must keep that D. No. 21/8
this was from negligence in the part 2
some one, the papers will clearly for
an enquiry and demand the punishment
of the person or persons responsible
for the accident. I would simply send.

(54) Please submit this draft to Dewan Sahib 23/8.

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on AUG 25 1920
Reg. No. 2316
(D.O.C.N. 77).

(55) may be considered in C D. No. 1878
circular Ag 28/8 28/8

C. S.

(56) I do not think the dam post up will meet the requirements of the case. That there was negligence I do not think there can be any doubt & as the failure was post up by the Mpl. authorities the charge lies the

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Police File No. 176 of 1919

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laid at their ~~office~~ doors. Since there was no enquiry of the kind indicated by the circumstances at the time it with no do. however make any such specific statement at this stage. It therefore seems best to "record" the papers. It was however a most unfortunate occurrence & it is to be hoped that it has taught the Mcpl. Authorities a lesson by which they will profit on future occasions.

Rees
3.9.20

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(17)

Extract from the Proceedings of the 542nd *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the* 23rd September 1920. *19* .

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7. Subject. - Clause xx of the schedule.

Draft order in connection with the Gallery accident in the Mysore City during the Birthday Festivities.

Opinion of the Council.

57) The observations in the First Member's note dated 13th August 1920 may be communicated to the Municipal President demi-officially.

58) It may also be pointed out that Government regret that there was no enquiry held by the Municipal authorities or by the Police or District Magistrate.

(Signed) M. Kantaraj Urs,
Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT'

Chief Secretary to Government.

WD 1148—GPB—1,000—23-12-18

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Police File No. 176 of 1919

Serial No.

Extract from Consl proc: put up.

To Asst Secy proh Branch. for submitting to the 3rd Member with a D.O.

CSX 2279/20

59) Mano put up D.O. letter in 4 days

D.M. 2/10

60) A.S.P. Nis submd.

2/10

61) Submd with no D.O. letter

D.M. 2/10

III Member Remarks

2255 2.10.20

62) Draft as revised approved

5/10

63) Submd with no D.O. letter

D.M. 8/10

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on OCT 9 1920
Reg. No. 3168

Chief Secy

Dewan

CS 8/10

D.M. 8/10

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

Final Note by the Third Member of Council.

Subject:-

Gallery accident in the Mysore City during the Birthday Festivities of 1920.

Soon after the occurrence of the above accident a report was received from the President of the Mysore City Municipality describing how the accident took place and with what result and stating that the collapse of the gallery was due to one of the uprights having given way under the weight of the load and that it was not due to any negligence on the part of the Municipal staff. On the other hand, the District Magistrate, who also reported the matter to Government at the same time, stated that the accident was due to faulty putting up of the gallery. As wild rumours were afloat as regards the number and nature of the casualties that occurred, a press communique was issued explaining the nature of the accident and giving out the exact number of persons injured and assuring the public that the patients were progressing well under treatment in the local hospitals.

2. Owing to the difference of opinion mentioned above, the officers concerned were requested to report in detail the reasons in support of the opinion expressed by them regarding the cause of the accident. The reports received in reply only confirmed what the officers had said in the first instance, the President holding that there was no flaw in the structure or the wood used for the frame and that the collapse was due to accidental breakage of the frame under the sheer weight of its occupants, and the District Magistrate considering that it must have been due to faulty putting up of the structure as the uprights were not firmly imbedded in the ground and the planks were not securely fastened to their resting places.

3. As no formal enquiry was held by either of the said officers the question as to whether a committee might not be appointed to hold a regular enquiry was next considered, and I was of opinion that further action might be dropped as the gallery was removed soon after the accident under the orders of the President and there was no means therefore of verifying the statements of the two high officers of the State.

4. Mr.Banerji as officiating Dewan recorded the following opinion:- Page 16 of Office Notes

" I think further enquiry might be dropped, but a Government Order issued recording the facts with the observation that there was gross negligence somewhere and the probabilities are that this lay in the putting up of the structure by the Municipal authorities."

Page 17 of -do- 5. I did not agree to the proposal and said that 'if once we said that there was gross negligence on the part of some one, the papers would clamour for enquiry and demand the punishment of the person or persons responsible for the accident.' The Second Member of Council was also of opinion that since there was no Page 18 of -do- enquiry of the kind indicated by the circumstances at the time, it would not do to make any specific statement regarding the responsibility for the incident.

6. The question was then considered at a meeting of the Council and the opinion of the Members is embodied in the accompanying Page 19 of -do- resolution.

7. The opinion of the Council may be graciously approved.

7th October 1920.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Submitted to His Highness.

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I submit herewith a Final Note by the Third Member of Council on the subject of the Gallery accident in the Mysore City during the Birthday Festivities of 1920, for His Highness' gracious approval.

11th Oct. 1920

THE PALACE,

MYSORE.

14th October 1920.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return the accompanying File relating to the "Gallery" accident at Mysore and to point out that the blame for faulty construction or erection must rest entirely on the Municipal Authorities and that it is not necessary in His Highness's opinion to find fault with either the District Magistrate or Police for failing to make an enquiry as to the cause of the accident. Such an enquiry was rendered impossible by the action of the Municipal Authorities in removing all the materials of the broken gallery with such unnecessary haste.

His Highness approves of the Council's proposal to communicate Mr. Banerji's note demi-officially to the Chairman; the second part of the Council's resolution expressing regret at the failure of the District Magistrate or the Police to make a proper enquiry does not commend itself to His Highness and may therefore be dropped.

Yours sincerely,

R. Lawrence

Rajasevadhurina

Sirdar M. Kantharaj Urs, C.S.I.,

Dewan of Mysore,

Mysore.

C. 157

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Papers relating to the Gallery Accident in the Mysore City during the Birthday Festivities of 1920.

478
11-10-20

493.
Returned with Dy Letter No 1014 dated 14/18.10.1920.

Order.

Sent to members for perusal.
2nd member
3rd member

Seen - the 2nd member's minutes have been
Sent to me in full in the D.N.
Neil
20.10.20 - There was no necessity to
add these last two members' opinion
as regards disposal of the case, which was
already disposed by the following Warrants "Before
there was no enquiry & the kind one - it will not
however do to make any such specific state
ment at this stage. H. Highness does not
to award punishment" The opinion of the members
Highness as regards punishment was only and Reason 11.11.20

24/6-76
19.10.20

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21-10-1920

250/167
25.10.20
Seen. I do not
wish to say anything
Neil
30.10.20

I do not wish to make
any comments
Neil
21/10

G. R. S. III-2.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.

Dy Supt. D. V. Hs Smt.

hw
6/11/20

Issue
(In letter Sd to be sent, addressed by name)

12/11/20

~~To — The District Magistrate, Mysore~~

~~G. 2970 dated~~

To — The Honorary President,
Mysore City Municipal Council
676/CB. Dated 12.11.20.

Observes that there was gross negligence in putting up the Structure by the Municipal Authorities

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Rec 126-19-1

NO. 151
1 Encl

Office of the President,
City Municipal Council, Mysore.
29th May 1920.

From

Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur,
C. Srikantesvara Aiyar, B.A., B.L.,
President, City Municipal Council,
Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire., B.A.,
Chief Secretary, to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to report with regret that yesterday evening at about 5.10. P.M., a portion of the gallery in front of the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall on the procession route suddenly collapsed with the result that 49 persons were hurt, of these, 37 who had received slight injuries, after being attended to in the Krishnarajendra Hospital were discharged, then and there — 8 others are admitted as in-patients for treatment of small injuries and consequences of fright. 4 cases were serious, of whom 1 is some what an aged woman whose right leg has had to be amputated, one has a wrist bone and another a thigh bone fractured, and the fourth is sent to Vani Vilas Hospital. A list of persons so hurt gives fuller details from which it will be seen that three cases are reported to be rather serious. Fortunately there has been no loss of life.

2. As to the cause of the collapse of the gallery,

it has been ascertained, after careful inspections that one of the frames — ~~i.e. standards~~ - of the gallery having accidentally broken under the sheer weight of its occupants and fallen towards the North, extra weight naturally leaning towards the same direction pulled the successive frames Northwards and wrentched them away from the remaining standing uprights on the southern side and caused the Northern portion to break down.

3. The Municipal Engineer who was in charge of the works, actually inspected the gallery that morning and found everything in order. The maistry who put up the gallery with 15 workmen was present, watching and waiting as usual , as a precautionary measure, against accidents.

4. People began to gather about 3 O'Clock and had occupied the gallery. By 5 O'clock it was over full. This year, there was an unusually large crowd and a large number had gathered round the gallery. As the time of procession approached, in order to get a better view many of them rushed to the gallery and over burdened it, with the result that some weak portion of the most heavy loaded ankanam seems to have given way.

The whole of the gallery is made of Teak wood and stood the test for more than 20 years. A very close examination of the broken part of the wood disclosed no fault. It seemed perfectly sound but for the breakage.

The Boys Scouts who had mustered near the north gate of the Fort did yomen service and deserve all praise. The genelemen whose motor cars were near Mr. Peters's Firm and Masonic Lodge readily and and voluntarily placed them at the disposal of the Police. The Police

with the excellent help of the boy scouts were thus able to promptly remove the injured persons to the Hospital and clear the route.

No word of praise is sufficient to commend the forethought of the Resident Surgeon and Staff who vaguely anticipating accidents remained at their posts quite prepared to meet such calls.

As soon as the procession passed the President inspected the seene of occurance, visited the Hospital and found the Surgeon and Staff deftly attending to the patients . He visited the Hospital again this morning , and learnt, that the amputated case was progressing satisfacterily, and that there were no causes for anxiety regarding the others.

Much as the unfortunate accidents is to be regretted, no care and forethought had been spared ; it was a poor case of accidents and is a matter of profound gratification that there has been no ~~causality~~ casualty.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A Sri Kantha Nanayakkara

President.

No.	Name.	Age.	Address.
1	Jayalakshamma.	6	Sarada Ink Depot, Lakshmipuram.
2	Savitramma.	28	Lakshmivilas Agrahar, opposite Maharani's College.
3	Sathamma.	36	Dasappa's house, Lakshmipuram.
4	Gundamma.	9	Y. Nagappa's house, Srirampet.
5	Singaramma.	32	Anakanahalli.
6	Narasamma.	27	Iranna Camp, Dodderikeri.
7	Subralakshamma, C/o Krishnappa.	7	No. 135, Weavers' Line.
8	Rupa Bai.	4)	C/o Krishnamma, mother Nellu-
9	Lakshmiboy.	8)	mandy Street, Bangalore Cantt.
10	Narasi, C/o Boriah (husband)	38	Railway Quarters, Vontikoppal.
11	Lakshmidevamma.	22	C/o R. Venkata Ramiah, Excise Inspector, Bellikatte, Sivarampet.
12	Hambamma.	20	C/o Kempe Gowda, Closepet.
13	Subbamma.	60	Near Lakshmipathi Sastri's house Devirammanni Agrahar.
14	Lakshmibai.	16	C/o Narasimha, Tailor, Srirampet
15	Venkatasubbamma.	13	130, Weavers'Line.
16	Krishnappaji.	3	Health Camp, Chetnahalli.
17	Savitramma.	35	C/o Venkatadasappa, Muzrai Office, Ramachandra Agrahar.
18	Venkatamma.	30	C/o Narasanna, Rice Merchant, Mandypet.
19	Lakshmavva.	10	C/o Subramanya Sastri, Old Agrahar, Mysore.
20	Tirumalayamma.	18	Opposite Hospital, Mysore.
21	Gopalaraj Urs.	10	Health Camp, Chetnahalli.
22	Indira Bai.	20	C/o Srinivasachar, Uttradimutt Street, Old Agrahar.
23	Manikyamma.	20	Sunnadakeri, Old Agrahar.
24	Subbalakshamma of Sringeri.		Subbarayanakere'
25	Puttamma.	8	C/o Ranga Setti, 100 ft. Agrahar
26	Amsamma.	10	Benki Nawab's Road.

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27	Nanji.	60	Arkudu, T. Narsipur.
28	Sitamma.	60	C/o Venkatadasappa, Ramachandra Agrahar.
29	Rasamma.	25	Beside Mysore Bank, Mysore.
30	Anniyamma.	4	Ballapurpet, Bangalore.
31	Nanjammap	18	C/o Ramiah, Mandypet.
32	Lakshmamma.	12	C/o Hanumantha Rao, Teacher, Dodpet.
33.	Krishna Rao.	10	C/o K. Subba Rao, Sivarampet.
34	Javani.	45	Servant-maid, Mr. Dani's house.
35	Venkamma.	20	C/o Police Constable Dasappa, Chatnahalli.
36	Lakshmamma.	18	C/o Patient No.24 above, Subbarayana-kere'
37	Akkiyamma.	30	C/o Lakshmikantaiya, Chaluvamba Agrahar.
38	Parvati Bai.	25	Nallappa's Thana.
39	Girija Bai.	10	Do.
40	Biramma.	40	C/o Huchegowda, Yedatore.
41	Kaliamma.	16	Yedatore.
42	Kaveri Bai.	45	Sivarampet, Bangalore.
43	Channi.	30	Sakkahalli.
44	Lakshmamma.	48	
45	Boramma.	60	C/o Rangiah, Palace servant.
46	Radha.	40	Sind C/o Chowdiah, brother's son, Motikhana.
47	Devamma.	40	C/o Chenna Basappa, Belavadi.
48	Subbamma C/o Raghaviah.	45	of Sosale, Near Gadi Chowka.
49	Mangamma.		C/o Perumal Mudali, Ittigegud.

Note:-

(a) Numbers 16, 21, 32, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49 were retained as in-patients in Krishnarajendra Hospital.

(b) One woman is in Vani Vilas Hospital.

(c) Leg of No. 45 is amputated.

~~Relse 176-19-2-3~~

No. CB 298-19-2

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

Dated, Mysore, 29th May 1920.

From

P.F. Bowring, Esquire,

Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that at 5-10 P.M. yesterday a wooden gallery opposite the Post Office on which were seated women and children to witness the procession of His Highness the Maharaja, collapsed for a distance of about 110 feet.

2 The occupants were precipitated to the ground and some received injuries. I append a list of the injured persons mentioning their ages and addresses.

3 Nos. 16, 21, 32, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49, are in-patients of Krishnarajendra Hospital. One woman was sent to the Vanivilas Hospital.

4 No.45 Boramma received the worst injuries and has undergone an amputation, and No.42 CauveriBai has received some injuries to the chest.

5 These are the only 2 serious cases. The rest are all minor injuries though among them are two pregnant women.

6 The accident appears to have been due to faulty putting of the gallery, the uprights not being firmly fixed in the

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the ground and the planks to sit on being insecurely fastened to their resting places; in fact some were not fastened at all and most of them can be removed with ease. The gallery seems to have given way first opposite the Co-operative Stores and to have fallen like a pack of cards towards the railing at the side of the gate-way next to the Clock-Tower.

7 The Boy Scouts did good work in keeping back the crowd that collected after the accident.

8 Persons whose Motor-Cars happened to be at the spot lent their Cars to take the injured to the Hospital.

9 The injured were afterwards removed to their houses in Palace Lorries.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,

Mysore District.

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STATEMENT.

No.	Name.	Age.	Address.
1	Jayalakshamma	6	Sarada Ink Depot, Lakshmipuram.
2	Savitramma	28	Lakshmivilas Agrahar, Opposite Maharani's College.
3	Satamma	36	Dasappa's house, Lakshmipuram.
4	Gundamma	9	Y. Nagappa's house, Srirampet
5	Sringaramma	32	Ankanahalli.
6	Narasamma	27	Weavers' Lines, Doddekere.
7	Subbalakshamma	7	C/o Krishnappa, 135, Weavers' Lines.
8	Rupa Bai	4	C/O Mother Krishnamma, Nellumandy St. Bangalore Cantonement.
9	Lakshmi Bai	8	-Do-
10	Narasi	38	C/O Boriah Ry.Quarters, Ontikoppal.
11	Lakshmidevamma	22	C/O R. Venkata Ramiah, Excise Sub Inspector, Bellary Katte Srirampet.
12	Ambamma	20	C/O Kempe Gowda, Closepet.
13	Subbamma	60	Near Laksmipathi Sastry's house, Devirammanni Agrahar.
14	Lakshmi Bai	16	C/O Narasimha, Tailor, Srirampet.
15.	Venkatasubbamma	13	130 Weavers' Lines.
16.	Krishnappaji	3	Health Camp, Chatnahalli.
17.	Savitramma	35	C/O Venkatadasappa, Huzrai Office, Ramachandra Agrahar.
18.	Venkatamma	30	C/O Narasamna, Rice Merchant, Mandy.
19.	Lakshmavva	10	C/O Subramanya Sastry, Old Agrahar.
20.	Tirumalayamma	18	Opposite Hospital, Mysore.
21.	Gopal Raj Urs.	10	Health Camp, Chatnahalli.
22.	Indira Bai	20	C/O Sreenivasa Char, Uttaradi Matt Street, Old Agrahar.
23.	Manikyamma	20	Sunnadakeri, Old Agrahar.
24.	Subbalakshamma of Sringeri.		Subrayankere.
25.	Puttamma	8	C/O Ranga Setty, 100 Ft.Road.
26.	Amsamma	10	Benki Nawab Road.
27.	Nanji	50	Arkudu, T. Narasipur.

No.	Name.	Age.	Address.
28	Seethamma	60	C/O Venkatadasappa, Ramachandra Agrahar.
29	Rasamma	25	Beside Mysore Bank, Mysore.
30	Anniyamma	4	Ballapurpet, Bangalore.
31	Nanjamma	28	C/O Ramiah, Mandy.
32.	Lakshamma	12	C/O Hanumantha Rao, Teacher, Dodpet.
33.	Krishna Rao	10	C/O K. Subba Rao, Sri-rampet.
34.	Javane	45	Servant Maid, Mr. Dani's house.
35.	Venkamma	20	C/O Police Constable Dasappa, Chatnahalli
36.	Lakshamma	18	C/O Patient No.24, Subrayankere.
37.	Akkalamma	30	C/O Lakshmi Kantiah, Cheluvamba Agrahar.
38.	Parvatee Bai	25	Nalappa Thana, Srirampet.
39.	Girija Bai	10	-Do-
40.	Biramma	40	C/O Hutche Gowda, Yedatore.
41.	Kalamma	16	Yedatore.
42.	Kaveri Bai	45	Sri Rampet, Bangalore.
43.	Channe	30	Sakhally.
44.	Lakshamma	48	
45.	Boramma	60	C/O Rangayya, Palace Servant.
46.	Radha	40	Of Sind, C/O Chowdayya, brother's son, Mothikhana.
47.	Devamma	40	C/O Chenna Basappa, Belavady.
48.	Subbamma	45	Of Sosale, C/O Raghaviah, near Gadi Chowk,
49.	Mangamma		C/O Perumal Mudaly, Ittikegud.

NOTE:-

(a) Numbers 16, 21, 32, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 & 49 are inpatients in the Krishna Rajendra Hospital.

(b) Three ladies were recommended to the Vani Vilas Hospital but only one chose to go and was sent in the Lorry.

(c) Patient No.45, has undergone an amputation, and patient No.42, has got contusion of the chest. These two are regarded as serious cases.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,

Mysore District.

~~Police~~ CB298--19--3

The following communique is issued for general information:-

At about 5-10 p.m. on the 28th May 1920 a portion of the gallery in front of the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall, Mysore, on which were seated women and children to witness the procession of His Highness the Maharaja, suddenly collapsed for a length of about 110 feet The occupants were precipitated to the ground and several of them received injuries.

2. Enquiries made go to show that about 49 persons were injured, who were taken to the Krishnarajendra Hospital in motor cars kindly placed at the disposal of the Police by the sightseers standing close by and were promptly attended to by the Hospital staff who remained on duty to meet such emergencies. 40 persons who had received slight injuries were, after being attended to in the Hospital, sent to their homes in motor lorries supplied by the Palace; 8 whose injuries were somewhat severe were detained as in-patients and one was sent to the Vanivilas Hospital for treatment. Of the 8 persons admitted into the Hospital amputation was found necessary in one case (only) and this was promptly performed. The patient, an aged woman, is progressing well. The other

patients under treatment in the Hospitals are also doing well.

There has been no loss of life in connection with this accident and rumours to the contrary that are understood to be in circulation have no foundation whatsoever.

The Boy Scouts who were present at the time rendered much help in keeping back the crowd that collected round the scene, thus facilitating attention to the wounded.

The Government ~~have received the news of this misher with very great regret~~ and deeply sympathise with the persons ~~who have been so unfortunate as~~ to be ~~injured.~~

By order,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

CB 298-19-4. ~~Police 176-19-4~~

Draft-D.O.

To

27184-5 Pol
09/6/20

1. P. F. Bowring, Esq.,
   Dy Commr, Mysore.
2. C. Srikantesvara Aiyar, Esq., President
   Municipal Council, Mysore.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter --

(1) No. 1923/J. 19-20 dated 29th May 1920

(2) No. 151 dated 29th May 1920

reporting an the collapse of the gallery constructed for women and children to witness the Birthday Procession on the 28th idem, I am desired to request to be informed ~~xx~~ - whether you have held any formal inquiry to ascertain the cause of the accident as reported in your letter. If so, the nature of the inquiry held may be intimated and the records, if any, of such investigation sent up. If no enquiry has been held, I am to request you to report in detail the reasons in support of the opinion you have expressed as regards the cause of the accident.

2 I am to observe that in the case of an accident of this serious nature, it was incumbent on the responsible Officers to hold a careful and thorough enquiry before evidences of the accident were finally removed, in order to fix the responsibility if the accident was of an unavoidable nature. A mere casual enquiry and opinions based thereon, are it must be needless to state, by no means satisfactory in a case of the kind in question.

* [3] Along with the detailed report called for above, I am to request that information may be

* [Para 3 to be addressed only to the Ml. President.] by

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be supplied particularly on the following points.

(a) When was the work of constructing the gallery commenced and completed? Date and time to be given.

(b) If the work was given on contract, who was the contractor?

(c) Who supervised the work on behalf of the Municipality to satisfy himself that it was properly carried out?

(d) Was an examination made after the accident to see whether all the supports had been firmly fixed in the ground? To what - depths underground had the supports been actually driven?

(e) Had the sitting planks been securely - fastened in their places?

(f) How was it that if only one of the frames was broken by the weight of its occupants, all the others to a length of 110 feet also collapsed?

Yours sincerely,

5.6.20.

Secy to Govt. Rev. Deptt.

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Office of the District Magistrate,

Mysore District,

Dated, Mysore the 4th June 1920.

DIARY NO 22467
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SECTION Police CB.
FILE NO 298-19
SERIAL NO 5

From

P.F.Bowring, Esquire,

District Magistrate,

Mysore District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office No.O.C.1923 Judl. of 19-20 dated the 29th May 1920, and with reference to Private Secretary's D.O.No. 813 dated the 29th idem, re the accident of an wooden gallery opposite the Post Office, I have the honor to state that the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, in his letter No.1888 dated the 2nd instant, reports that no cases resulted fatally from the accident and in consequence no inquest was held.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P F Bowring

District Magistrate,

Mysore District.

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From

The District Magistrate,

Mysore District.

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt.

of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated 4 June 1920

Despatched

Received 8 JUN 1920

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Further report re the accident of an wooden gallery opposite the Post Offices

Recd 30-6-20. CB 298-19-6. DIARY No. 22673/1358

Anonymous

Brings to notice the catastrophe [illegible] on the occasion of the procession of H. H. the Maharaja Sprung Rao and the authorities responsible should be punished and they injured persons should be suitably compensated.

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Date of Receipt 1460
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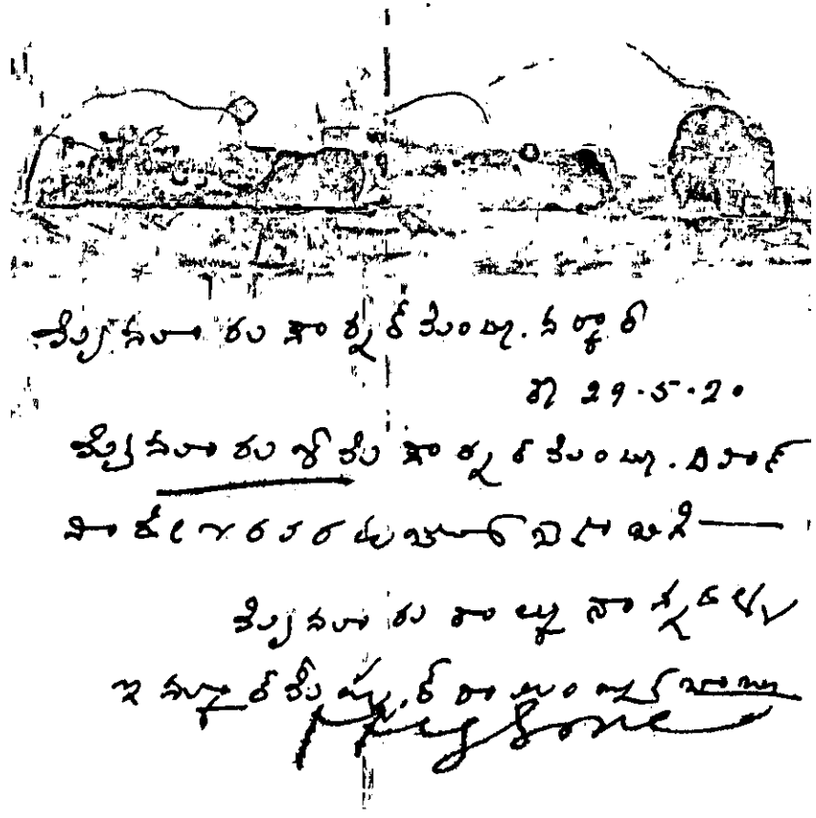

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Office of the Deputy-Commissioner,
Mysore District,
Dated, Mysore-the 10th June 1920.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
PROTECTION
15 JUN 1920

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O.No.S.27184-5 dated the 9th instant making certain observations on my report on the collapse of the gallery during the Birthday Procession on the 28th, I beg to state as follows:-

I have not held any formal enquiry as to the cause of the accident as I was given to understand by the Inspector General of Police, who told me that he had spoken to the Chief Secretary about it, that it was not necessary for me to give any opinion as to the cause of the accident as an enquiry was to be held by Engineer Officers.

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Mysore,
16th June 1920.

Dear Balasundaram Iyer

---With reference to your D.O. No. G. 27184-5/Police dated 9th June 1920, calling for information on certain points in connection with the gallery accident on the 28th of May 1920, I forward in original letter No.1119 dated 14th instant from the Chief Officer, Mysore City Municipality, who had been directed to be present at the Police enquiry, furnishing the said information.

In this connection, I may also state that I myself inspected the gallery on the 27th and walked over it testing its stability and found it in order and without any shaking and with all the bottom ties flush with the ground, when I ordered the foot path on which it had been erected to be well swept and tidied down.

As regards holding a formal enquiry into the cause of the accident, it was for the Police and Magistracy to do so, and I did not consider it expedient to hold a separate enquiry side by side. But as the Inspector General of Police and the District Magistrate were to visit the scene of occurrence next morning and cause enquiry, I directed the Chief Officer to be present on the spot during the enquiry. I myself had to attend an emergent special meeting of the University Council for declaring the results of the late examinations. After doing so and visiting the Krishnarajendra Hospital and the patients therein, I also went to the spot about 9 O'Clock. The Assistant Superintendent and the

District Superintendent of Police were still there, as also the Chief Officer and several others who had been in the best possible position to observe the collapse, including the European Superintendent of Posts and Post Master. On hearing them all, I enquired if any technical expert or Engineer had examined the scene. On being informed in the negative, I looked out for an Engineer, and sent for the Executive Engineer of the Trust Board who chanced to be close by. All of us very minutely examined all the frames and the broken one in particular, for over 3 hours, and we could discover no ostensible flaw in the wood used for the frame. The woodwas perfectly sound and strong and the broken surfaces were quite fresh showing there was no previous flaw. So we arrived at the same conclusion as the Police.

The Chief Officer's report shows that the evidence of the accident was not removed by anybody, till after the Police enquiry was completed and they had directed the removal of the gallery.

I have, however, directed the Chief Officer to preserve, in tact, the broken frame for future consideration and improvement, if any, of the structural design.

NO. 1119.

MYSORE,

14th June 1920.

From

The Chief Officer,

City Municipality,

Mysore.

To

The President,

City Municipal Council,

Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to D.O. No. G. 27184-5/Police. dated 9th June 1920 from the Chief Secretary to the Government requesting information to be furnished on certain points in connection with the collapse of the gallery constructed near the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall on the 28th of May 1920, I have the honor to report as follows-

(a) The materials for the construction of the gallery were issued from the Municipal stores on the 23rd of May 1920. The work was started on the 24th morning and completed at about 10 A.M. on the 27th idem.

(b) The work was given, as usual, on contract to one contractor Papayya, who had done such work several times before.

(c) The Municipal Engineer who was in charge of the work superintended it, and on inspection, after completion, found everything in order.

(d) The gallery was examined after the accident next morning and all the standards were found firmly fixed in the ground and driven under ground to a depth of one foot, beyond which it is not possible to drive, as that is all the length, available below the bottom tie.

(e) The sitting planks were all well nailed to the frames as usual.

(f) As desired by the President to meet the Inspector General of Police and Deputy Commissioner and be present at the Police enquiry, I was present next morning when the Police held

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an enquiry into the cause of the accident. The Deputy Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police also visited the spot. It was clear from the statements of Mr.Smaller, of Peter's Firm, the Post Master, the Postal Superintendent and others who had closely observed the accident that one of the frames broke and fell down first, and then the successive frames to the north of it slowly leaned Northwards and fell down sideways, one after the other. After careful examination and local enquiry the City and District Superintendents of Police came to the conclusion that the collapse was due to accidental breakage of this frame under the sheer weight of its occupants.

The accompanying sketch shows the side elevation of the frame which gave way by crushing. Both the principals connecting the front and rear standards have broken in the middle of their length. By this breaking of the principals, the front and rear halves of the frame became separated and both chance to have fallen on the north side. The weight of this and of the occupants of the adjacent gallery together with the rush of the people in other parts should have had the effect of overturning the frames on the north which, it is reported by people who actually witnessed the scene, slowly turned as on a hinge and then fell sideways Northward, sliding as it were, one over the other. It was only one frame that was found to have broken actually; all the other frames as stated above, simply got overturned. If instead of this overturning, some neighbouring frames also had broken, the planks would have dropped down vertically and the occupants would have got jammed between the broken pieces of wood and the result would have been more disastrous. If the planks on the principals had not been linked properly and secured, they would have dropped down vertically without moving the standards or other frames. But because they were all well linked, the frames slided one after another as aforesaid.

The Police guarded the materials of the gallery after the accident and prevented people from meddling with them until next morning when they lay exactly in the same position as at the time of the accident. After the Police had completed their enquiry, it was at their request and with their express permission that the gallery was removed.

The broken frame is preserved in tact, with all its parts, as directed by the President, who also came to the spot towards the close of the enquiry and again examined the whole of the gallery minutely with the aid of the Trust Board Engineer who was sent for, happening to be near by.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chief-Officer.

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CB 298-19-9

Diary No. of letter replied to 22885

Section ~~Police~~

File No. ~~176-19~~

Serial No. 9

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
(Police)
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D. O. No. G 28016

Date of issue 23/6

To

Signed by M Rm

The D. G. of Police
in Mysore

Dear Sir,

I am desired to request you to forward for the perusal of Govt the record of Police enquiry which is said to have been held regarding the collapse of the gallery in the Mysore City during the Birthday Procession

over.

Jamalpur
on 28th May 1920, and to
enquire why a report
about the accident was
not sent up already by you

D. M.
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Yours sincerely

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Bangalore
SECTION
Dated 24th June 1920
FILE No. 125
SERIAL No.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your D. O. letter No. G. 28016/Police 126-19-9 dated 23rd instant about the collapse of the gallery at Mysore on the 28th ultimo, I write to say that I requested the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate to send a report to Government and a copy thereof to me. I did not think a report to Government from me in the circumstances was called for and so, did not send any.

I inspected the spot on the morning of the 29th. ultimo with Mr. Bowring. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Police were also present. I suggested to Mr. Bowring that he might report the bare facts immediately, leaving the matter of the cause of the accident for enquiry later in the presence of the President of the Municipal Council. He, however, sent a report specifying also what he thought was the cause. In the meanwhile, you told me orally to enquire into the matter with the Chief Engineer. By the time I could meet the President and settle the hour of inspection and enquiry, the gallery had been removed, and the President had also sent a report. So, the Chief Engineer and I could do nothing.

After Mr. Bowring and I left the spot on the 29th morning, it appears the President and the Chief Officer came and that the District Superintendent of Police, Assistant Superintendent of Police and Chief Officer made some enquiries. The records, if any, might be with the Deputy Commissioner and I would request his being written to.

As rumours of deaths due to the accident still persisted, I made enquiries privately when I visited Mysore again on the 5th instant and was satisfied that there was no death at all. During my stay at Mysore on the second occasion, both the Deputy Commissioner and the President showed me the communication they

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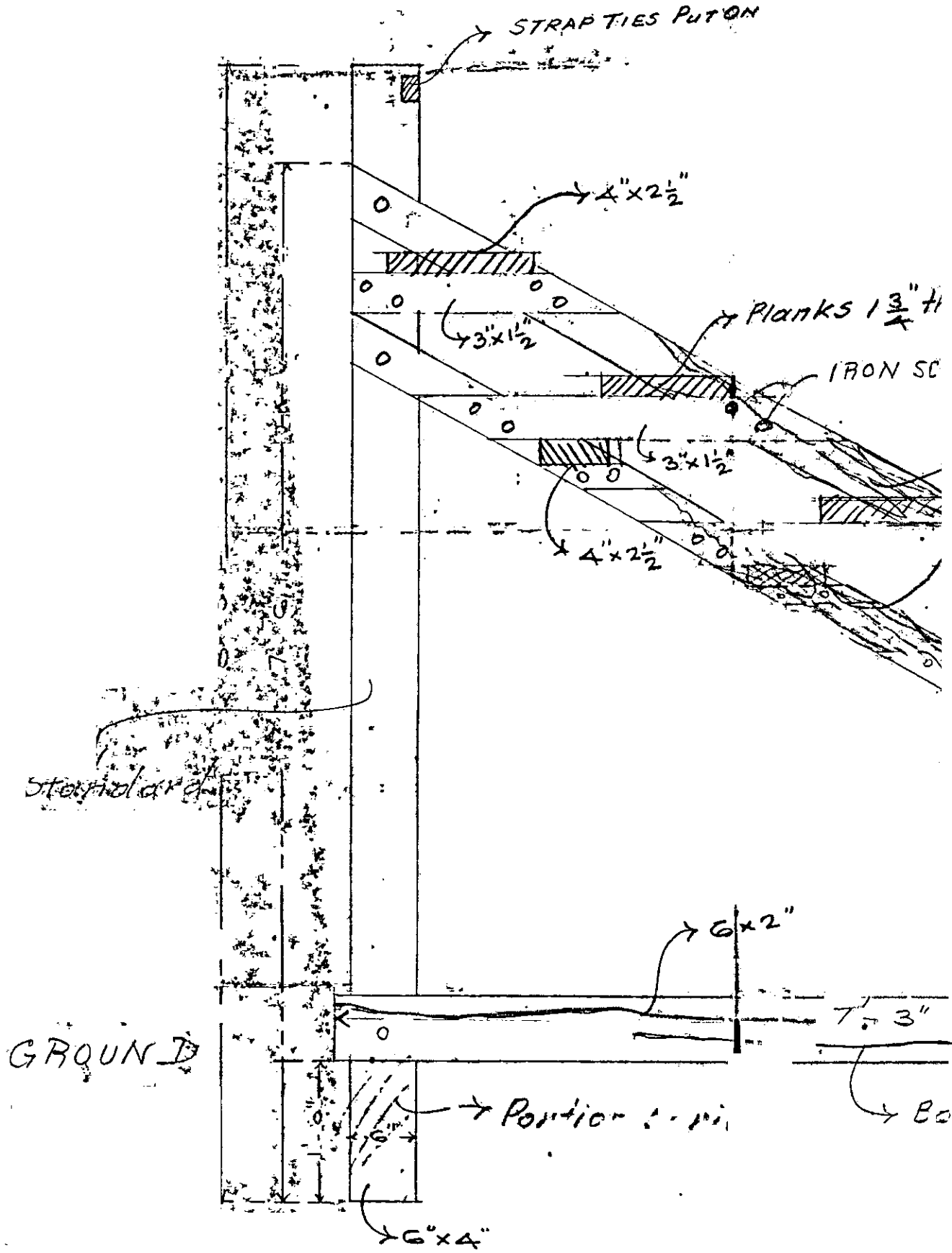
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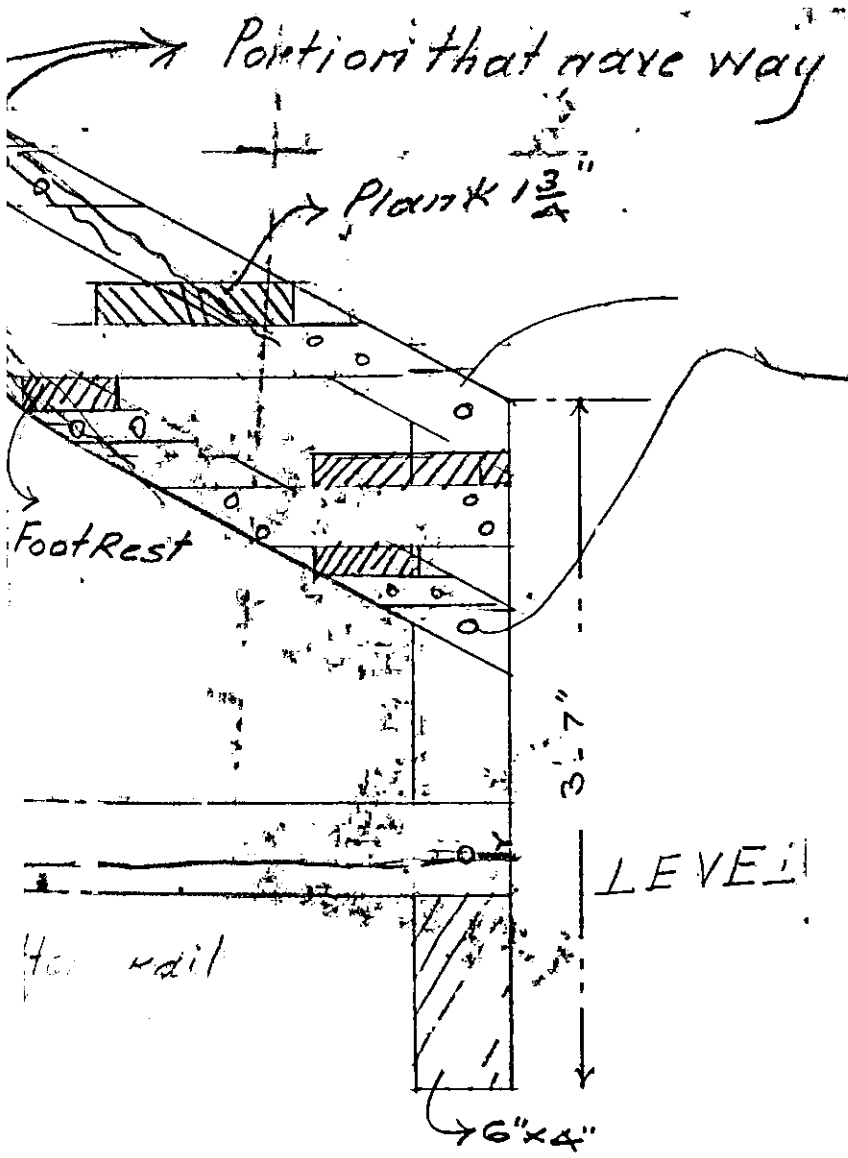

had received from Government in regard to their report and the Deputy Commissioner showed me a copy of his reply also.

If I am not thought as going beyond my province I would respectfully suggest that, as in the case of Railway accidents where the Departmental people and the Police Officers jointly hold an enquiry, in the present instance the Deputy Commissioner, the President, and the Chief Engineer might be asked to hold an enquiry and report the cause of the accident.

The removal of galleries cannot have destroyed evidence. The structure appears to be such that the posts cannot be buried deeper than 6 inches or so. What is said is that there were no cross bars or braces or whatever they are called connecting one post with another this year, while in previous years bamboos were used for such purpose.

Yours sincerely,

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Serial No. 11

Diary No. of letter replied to 23697

No. 6107.6

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Police)
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To
The Dist Magte,
Mysore Dist.

Date of issue 15/7

Signed by

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 619/Guld 19-20 dt 10th June 1920 regarding the collapse of the gallery in the Mysore City, I am directed to request you to be so good as to forward the records of the Police enquiry into the case for the perusal of Govt.

I have &c

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File No. 176-19

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No. 2970

To

The Dr Magte, Nyasa Dr

Sir

In inviting reference to the office no. 4076 - BB 176-15-11 of 15/7/20 re the fatal accident at Nyasa, I am directed to request you to expedite the submission of the Police records called for.

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Your obedient servant

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Office of the District Magistrate,
Mysore District.
Dated, Mysore the 5th August 1920.

SERIAL No. - 12

CB 298-19-12.

From

P.F.Bowring, Esquire,
District Magistrate,
Mysore District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.1076/ Pol.176-19-11 dated the 15th July 1920, requesting me to forward the records of Police enquiry regarding the collapse of the gallery in the Mysore City on the 28th May 1920, I have the honor to state that no detailed enquiry has been held by the Police in this matter, as can be seen from the report No.146 dated the 2nd instant, received from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, copy of which is herein enclosed for perusal. If there had been a fatal casualty, the Police would have held an inquest and formal enquiry into the cause of the accident.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For District Magistrate,
Mysore District.
(Absent from station)

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From

The District Magistrate,

Mysore DIstrict.

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt.

of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated 5 August 1921.

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Enclosure No. - 7

Reporting about the Collapse of Gallery in the Mysore city.

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Letter No.146 dated 2nd August 1920 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City to the District Magistrate, Mysore District.

With reference to R.O.C.No.122 Judl.1920-21 dated 28th July 1920 re the collapse of the Municipal Gallery near the Town Hall on the 28th May 1920., I have the honor to state as follows:-

On the 28th May 1920 just before the Procession started a portion of the Municipal Gallery suddenly gave way and in consequen 49 persons were hurt of these 37 had slight injuries and these after treatment in Krishnarajendra Hospital were sent home, 8 other persons were admitted as in-patients.

Of the remaining 4 whose cases were serious, one was an aged woman and her right leg had to be amputated, one had a wrist and another thigh bone fractured, and the 4th was sent to Vani Vilas Hospital.

The next day the District Superintendent of Police and myself with several others carefully inspected the spot and it has been ascertained that one of the frames of the gallery havin broken under the weight of its occupants fell down and the other frames with their occupants naturally came down successively one after another.

A detail report of the accident has been made to the same ef-fect to your office on 29th May 1920, a copy of which is herewith attached. No detail enquiry was instituted in the matter and no records are available.

"C o p y"

FOR DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Mysore District.

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No. 676/CB

Dated 12th Nov. 20

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Honorary Presidents,

Mysore Lady Impt Ch

Date of issue

Signed by

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No 158 dt the 11th June 1920 regarding the fatal accident at Mysore on the 28th May 1920, I am desired to state that the matter

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After careful consideration
our opinion that there was
gross negligence somewhere
and the probabilities are
that the lay-in the putting
up of the Structure by
the Municipal authorities.

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